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SUBJECT: EC NOTE ON FASTNERS

1. THE EC DELEGATION DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING NOTE DATED
JANUARY 25, 1978 TO EUR/RPE (ALBRECHT)

2. BEGIN TEXT.

THE DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION ON 12 DECEMBER 1977 RECOMMENDING THE IMPOSITION OF INCREASED DUTIES ON CERTAIN NUTS, BOLTS AND SCREWS UNDER US TARIFF NUMBERS 646.49, 646.54, 646.56, 646.63.

IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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TIES, IMPORTS OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED ARTICLES FROM COMMUNITY COUNTRIES ARE NOT CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY TO THE UNITED STATES INDUSTRY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE QUALITY AND PRICE OF THESE IMPORTS, AND ESPECIALLY THEIR DOWNWARD TREND IN QUANTITY.

THE DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO REITERATE THE COMMUNITY'S

GENERAL CONCERN THAT NO ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE PROTECTIONISM ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ENTERING THEIR FINAL PHASE.

THE DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO URGE THE US GOVERNMENT TO WEIGH CAREFULLY THE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS IN REACHING ITS FINAL DECISION, AND TO ABSTAIN FROM ACTIONS THAT WOULD RESTRICT IMPORTS OF NUTS, BOLTS, AND SCREWS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

THE DELEGATION AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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